

\$200,000 FIRE RESULTS IN A BIG SHOE SALE FOR AKRON

Geo. Simon, who owned a large shoe store in Sharon, Pa., failed. We bought his entire stock, amounting to about \$10,000 from the assignee at less than 60 cents on the dollar. We could not retain the room there to sell the goods as it had been rented to other parties. We had the stock boxed and shipped to Youngstown to close out in our Department Store. Before it had been unloaded in our main building we met with the misfortune of being visited by a \$200,000 fire, causing us to suspend business for a short time. We shipped every case of this Sharon stock of shoes to Akron, and Tuesday morning, Feb. 6th, we will open a

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TWO

Charter Members

Attended the Liedertafel Celebration.

Society Founded Forty-Five Years Ago.

President Laumann Made an Excellent Address.

Canton Arion Club Scores Decided Hit.

The Akron Liedertafel society appropriately celebrated its 45th anniversary in its hall Saturday night.

Fully 300 people were present, including an enthusiastic delegation from Canton. The evening's program, consisted of a concert and dance, while at all times, general sociability prevailed.

The Canton Arion, 21 members strong, was present and added their voices to the festival of song.

The following program was given: Overture—Lantz's orchestra.

Chorus, (a) Mein Schiffein; (b) Ueber's Jahr, Akron Liedertafel.

Address—President Louis Laumann.

Vocal solo—Good Bye to the Leaves, Mrs. Richard Ward.

Chorus, Die Kreuz fahrt, Canton Arion, with baritone solo, by Mr. Henry Klemp.

Vocal solo—Happy Days, Mrs. Ward.

Baritone solo—"Bandalero, Mr. J. F. Stoeckle.

Chorus—"Der Brunnen Wunderbar," by the united voices of the Canton Arion and Akron Liedertafel societies, with a baritone solo, by Mr. William Freudenmann.

Every number was well received. The Canton singers elicited much applause and were obliged to respond to and encore.

BRIEF HISTORY.

The Akron Liedertafel society is the oldest German organization in the city, and one of the oldest in the state. It was organized Feb. 3, 1855. The first gathering at which an organization was effected was held in a building at the corner of Mill and Howard sts., where the drug store of S. E. Allen & Co., is now located. The building was an old frame structure used as a tavern and Conrad Fink was the innkeeper. In this building, 45 years ago, was formed the nucleus, from which has grown the strong and influential Liedertafel of today.

At that first meeting there were present 13 citizens of the "village" of Akron, and they became the charter members of the society. Two of the original 13 were present Saturday night and greatly enjoyed the festivities of the evening. They were Dr. Carl F. Kolbe and Mr. William Fischer.

These two veterans of the society talked reminiscently of the early days of the society, to a representative of the Democrat. They recalled the names of the charter members, with but one exception. They were: Dr. C. F. Kolbe and William Fischer, Akron; Daniel Umbstaetter of Cleveland; Ber-

nard Kolbe, Denver, Col. Henry Sporleder, Iowa City, Ia., Henry Fischer, Toledo, O.; Louis Schmidt and Theodore Welbezahn, who are in the west, William Carl, Charles Fischer, William Wheeler and Mr. Rippin. The first four are dead.

Daniel Umbstaetter was the society's first president, and William Carl, its first musical director. The regular place of meeting was in a hall where the Arlington Hotel now stands.

The society during its long life, has held its meetings regularly, with the exception of a short time during the Civil war, when many of its members bravely answered their country's call to arms, and went forth upon the field of battle.

The society now numbers 125 members. The present officers are: President, Louis Laumann, vice president, William Freudenmann; secretary, Arthur Holm; treasurer, Charles Pariseite.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS.

President Louis Laumann, in his address, after welcoming the Canton visitors gave a brief sketch of the work of the society. He called attention to the two charter members present, and referred to them as guests of honor. He said the Saengerfest, which had been proposed for next summer had been postponed for two following reasons: The destruction of Buchtel College by fire, Mr. Laumann deplored and said the citizens must contribute towards its reconstruction. The building of a German Hall, wherein all the German societies may find a home, is also demanding the attention of the members. "This project is moving along successfully," said the president, "and when in the hands of such a public spirited enterprising man as Mr. Paul E. Werner, it cannot result in anything but a successful consummation."

In closing his remarks Mr. Laumann urged all the guests to enjoy to the utmost the birthday of the society.

After the concert, dancing was begun. Much of the success of the celebration is due to the efforts of Julius Krokke, Stephen Ginter, William Freudenmann, Arthur Holm and Prof. Gustav Sigel, who comprised the committee on arrangements.

The Canton guests were, Prof. and Mrs. Emil Schelling; Mr. and Mrs. William C. Wilder, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hilgendorf, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Arf, Charles Walk, Adolph Kugler, Emil Sander, Louis Schropp, Julia Krause, John Nist, Ernest Elsesser, Ernest Freitag, Henry Klemp, Albert Wolf, Conrad Siehler, Edward Sanders, Miss Clara Krause, Miss Abby Wieland, Mrs. Louise Uth, and Miss Emma Uth.

UNION

Of Three Lodges, Knights of Pythias

Will Use New Hall in Common—Proposed Club Rooms.

An important matter will be considered by the local lodges, Knights of Pythias, next week.

A committee was recently appointed from the three lodges, Aetolia, McPherson and Akron, to formulate plans whereby the lodges may use a hall in common.

The committee has prepared its report. It provides that the union of the lodges shall continue for a period of 25 years. A board of directors, of six members, three from each lodge, is to be elected. It will be their duty to lease a hall and to make all contracts for the same. The paraphernalia is to be divided equally among the three lodges. In connection with the new hall, club rooms will be maintained. The committee has not taken any action on securing a hall.

DANGEROUS

Game For Any One.

Ruhlin Is No Longer an Easy Proposition.

Knocked Out But Once In His Career.

Johnny Whittaker Willing to Meet Joe Leonard.

Poultry Club Officers—Bowling—Local Sporting News.

A year ago the mere mention of Gus Ruhlin's name in connection with the championship would have provoked a smile.

Now it is different. Billy Madden's claim that the Akron giant will one day be the champion is no longer considered a joke.

Billy has the reputation of being the discoverer of champions, says the Enquirer. Ruhlin has developed wonderfully since he joined issues with Madden.

Of late his fighting has had the championship ring. He has been taking on all comers and winning in decisive style. Next to Jeffries Ruhlin has more of the natural requisites of a top notcher than any man in the ring. He has length and weight, but his fault until recently was the lack of finish and ring generalship of a top notch pugilist.

He has clashed with every prominent pugilist now before the public, except Corbett and Fitzsimmons, and only once has he met with decisive defeat.

Tom Sharkey is the only fighter to ever score a knockout at Ruhlin's expense. The sailor did the trick in less than a round. The very first punch in the battle brought about Ruhlin's downfall. This fact detracts from the merits of the achievement. Any man who wins a battle with the very first punch is in luck. Such a victory is open to the charge that it was won with a fluke blow.

McKay obtained a decision over Ruhlin at Syracuse. He clearly deserved it, but Ruhlin at that time did not know as much about the game as he does now.

The best thing in Ruhlin's record is a draw with Jim Jeffries. If the boxer-maker is to be whipped I believe it will be by a man of Ruhlin's stature. None of the others have the requisite size. It is my belief that Ruhlin would make a better showing against Jeffries than either Corbett, Sharkey or Fitzsimmons. Madden is working hard to get his man matched with the prominent big ones.

I would like to see the Ohio giant get another chance with Sharkey. Ruhlin is now a much better man than he was the other time he met the sailor. At the rate Ruhlin has of late been piling up decisive victories he is bound to command the attention of some of the big ones.

POULTRY CLUB OFFICERS.

At the regular meeting of the Akron Poultry and Pet Stock club, held Sat-

urday evening, the following officers were elected: President, J. M. Laffar; vice presidents, H. B. Gregory, Dr. E. O. Leberman, Wm. A. Orr and Sam J. Hibbs; corresponding secretary, J. Asa Palmer; financial secretary, F. D. Kidder; treasurer, G. C. Conger; superintendent, Julius Frank; assistant superintendent, G. H. Stickney; executive committee, John S. Parker, Robert M. Mallet and J. W. Gauthier.

WILL REPLACE MOTZ.

It is reported that President Watkins, of the Indianapolis club, has purchased the release of First Baseman Kelly of Pittsburgh, and that he will replace Motz with the Hoosier club. Motz has not signed a contract for next year.

WHITTAKER'S CHALLENGE.

Johnny Whittaker, Simms' trainer, has issued a challenge to Joe Leonard, of Buffalo. Whittaker wants to fight at 122 to 124 pounds, and to weigh in at 2 o'clock, the day of the contest. He is willing to meet Johnny Lavack if Leonard does not accept.

ANOTHER TOURNAMENT.

Monday night a tournament will be opened on the Howard st. alleys, which promises to awaken unusual interest in bowling circles.

Seven teams will contest for the championship trophy of the Howard st. bowling league.

Each team will bowl six games, one each with its opponents, making a total of 21 games to be played. Highest number of pins bowled, decides the winner.

A handsome trophy has been secured by popular subscription. It represents three pins crowned with a ball, all of silver, mounted upon an ebony base. It stands 20 inches in height and cost \$50. Rules and regulations governing the contests, have been drawn up, and signed by the captains of the several teams.

The rules say that the trophy shall be bowled for annually. After any tournament the second or third teams may challenge the winner and by winning two games may claim the championship. Any club failing to bowl its regularly scheduled game forfeits the same, unless two days notice has been given.

The teams represented in the contest are the Crown, Cereal, Summit, Peerless, Eureka, Buchtel College and Police.

The schedule follows:

Feb. 5, Crown vs. Eureka.
Feb. 6, Cereal vs. College.
Feb. 7, Summit vs. Crown.
Feb. 8, Peerless vs. Cereal.
Feb. 9, Eureka vs. Summit.
Feb. 12, Crown vs. Police.
Feb. 13, Cereal vs. Eureka.
Feb. 14, Summit vs. Police.
Feb. 15, Peerless vs. College.
Feb. 16, Eureka vs. Police.
Feb. 19, Crown vs. Peerless.
Feb. 20, (afternoon) College vs. Police.
Feb. 21, Summit vs. College.
Feb. 22, Peerless vs. Summit.
Feb. 23, Eureka vs. College.
Feb. 26, Crown vs. College.
Feb. 27, Cereal vs. Police.
Feb. 28, Summit vs. Cereal.
March 1, Peerless vs. Police.
March 2, Eureka vs. Peerless.

A good thing to tie to is Stewart's Cold Tablets. They are speedy and effective. All druggists guarantee them.

The New York Ladies' Tailor has left for New York to look up the latest and newest spring styles; will be gone about ten days and return to Akron with all the swiftest and newest designs of spring suits, etc. Call and look at them on his return.

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PRINCIPLES

Of Christian Science

Subject of Sermon by Rev. J. H. W. Blake.

Most Remarkable Movement of the Age.

Says It Is Substitute For Christian Faith.

Endeavored to Prove Fallacy of All Arguments.

Rev. J. H. W. Blake, of St. Paul's Episcopal church, delivered a very able and interesting address Sunday evening in St. Paul's church on "Christian Science." Rev. Blake said that he did not wish his remarks to be considered of a controversial nature, for his intention was to simply bring before the people the principles of Christian Science, and wherein he thought that they were wrong. He said that the Christian Science movement was one of the most remarkable of the age, the most marked advance being in the past 20 years. Christian Science impresses itself upon the world as a substitute for all the views that have been held by educated and enlightened men for many years. It antagonizes religion, philosophy, natural science. It denies the existence of God, man, matter, spirit, sin and future destiny. Its advocates declare the past views they once held as foolish and look with pity upon those who cling to a faith. Rev. Blake believes that we should carefully consider a matter of this kind because it has a tendency to unsettle christian faith, since most of its forms are substitutes for Christ and his apostles. He did not mean to ridicule but to show fallacies. Christian Science denies existence of material things; denies possibility of sickness, and as there can be no sickness there can be no death. Sin is also an error. Get rid of the belief in sin and there will be no sin. Healing sick and reforming sinners is the same thing. Rev. Blake endeavored to prove the fallacy of all the arguments. Man is an individual as is shown by his very act. No new science is needed to teach people to look on the bright side of life for God teaches that.

DEMURRER

Presented In Case of State vs. Moritz.

Few Cases In Mayor's Court Monday Morning.

Attorney S. G. Rogers, counsel for the defense, Monday morning presented a demurrer in the case wherein the state on complaint of Barney Quass brings action against Herman Moritz, accusing him of obtaining 30 cents under false pretenses. The de-

murrer stated that the affidavit against Moritz did not clearly indicate the offense with which the defendant is charged. The case has been continued to Feb. 13.

John Branch, accused of intoxication, was fined \$2 and costs. Another affidavit has been filed against Branch, accusing him of disorderly conduct in Herman Lustig's saloon Saturday evening.

Bentley Wermold, intoxication, \$2 and costs, and 30 days.

Frank Thompson and George Howard, vagrants, each five days and costs.

PREPARATION

For National Turn Fest In Progress.

An Athletic and Social Entertainment at Turner Hall.

All day, and until late at night, Sunday, Turner hall was filled with large crowds attendant upon the social and athletic entertainment provided by the Akron Turn Verein and participated in by its own members and those of visiting organizations.

Germania, Forward, Stern and Fortschritt Turner organizations of Cleveland, and the Germania, of Canton, sent large delegations. The visiting Turners were also accompanied by a number of their friends.

The features during the forenoon were principally drill, marching and running exercises. In the afternoon considerable exhibition work was done. From 12:30 until 2 p. m. dinner was served by the lady members of the Akron Turn Verein. There were 115 people seated at the tables.

In the evening vocal and instrumental music were features, and some splendid exhibition work was performed by local and visiting Turners.

These athletic exhibitions by Turners are features of practice in preparation for the national fest to be held at Philadelphia from June 20 to 23.

The arrangement committee Sunday was composed of the following named persons: Wm. Loeber, chairman; John Seidenspinner, August Kraft and Paul Schmidt.

The program was:

Part 1.—
Overture, Lantz's orchestra.
Gymnastic exhibition, Cleveland Turnverein, "Sorwaerts."
Address, Hugo Wilms.
Gymnastic exhibition, Germania Turnverein, Canton.
Song, Akron Liedertafel.
Solo, Arthur Holm.
Gymnastic exhibition, Stern Turnverein, Cleveland.
Part 2.—Overture, Lantz's orchestra.
Solo, Wm. Freudenmann.
Pyramids, Germania Turnverein, Cleveland.
Exhibition drill, Fortschritt Turnverein, Cleveland.
Solo, Arthur Holm.
Pyramid, Akron Turnverein.

PRICE OF COAL

Was Advanced 10 Cents Per Ton Monday Morning.

On Monday morning the coal dealers added 10 cents per ton to the price of coal. This makes the price \$3 per ton.

This increase is due to the railroad companies' advance in freight rates. Coal can be bought at the mines at the old price, \$2.90 per ton.

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